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Reftel points were delivered on June 12 to Bento de Moraes Sarmento, Deputy Director of the Portuguese Economy Ministry's Energy and Geology Department, who did not comment on the U.S. vision for the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) mission but said Portugal supports the UAE as the site for the IRENA headquarters. Portugal has signed the IRENA statute, but Sarmento could not project a date for ratification.

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